

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A titanium material consisting essentially of titanium having a Fe content of ~~0.08~~ 0.06 % by mass or below, a Nb content of ~~0.02~~ 0.001 % by mass or below, and a Co content of ~~0.02~~ 0.001 % by mass or below; and a surface oxide film on the titanium that is produced by oxidizing the titanium and that has a thickness of 170 Å or below, wherein the titanium material is produced by a process that includes a finishing process comprising

- pickling the titanium; and
- heating the pickled titanium at a temperature X (°C) in a range of from 130°C to 280°C for a time T (minutes) so that $T \geq 239408 \times X^{-2.3237}$.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Withdrawn-Currently Amended): A method of manufacturing a titanium material with a surface oxide layer, the method comprising

- providing titanium having a Fe content of ~~0.08~~ 0.06 % by mass or below, a Nb content of ~~0.02~~ 0.001 % by mass or below, and a Co content of ~~0.02~~ 0.001 % by mass or below;
- pickling the titanium;
- heating the pickled titanium; and
- producing the titanium material of claim 1.

Claims 7-13 (Canceled)

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 6, wherein the heating is performed in a vacuum.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 6, wherein the heating is at a temperature of from 250 to 280 °C for up to 30 min.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The method according to claim 15, wherein the heating is for up to 10 min.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): An external wall of a building, the external wall comprising the titanium material of claim 1.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A reinforcing member of a building, the reinforcing member comprising the titanium material of claim 1.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the heating is performed without a vacuum.